# LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

FLOODS IN FAR WEST

MANY RIVERS IN CALIFORNIA REACH DANGER STAGE.

Incessant Rains for the Past Three Days Causing Apprehension Among the Residents-Truckee River in Nevada Out of Its Banks at Reno.

Floods in the river valleys and landslides in the mountains are threatened as a result of the rains now prevailing throughout California. The Sacramenta, American, Feather, San Joaquin. Yuba, Kings and Salinas rivers are rising, and it is expected that the Sacramento and American will reach flood stages late Thursday night.

At Folsom the American is now up to the danger point. A gold dredger valued at \$150,000, which had been working in the bed of the stream, was wrecked by the high water and will be

Twenty launches of the Sacramento Boat club were torn from their moorings and swept down stream during the night. The weather bureau has warned the people of Stockton that there is grave danger to that city from the San Joaquin river and Mormon slough. The latter, which carries a great quantity of water, broke through the levees above the town of Linden Thursday and has spread over a vast

extent of territory. The levee surrounding Visalia broke Thursday afternoon and flood waters swept into the town. At 2:30 o'clock, at the time of the last report, the northwestern part of the town was being flooded. School children were dismissed at noon. At an early hour Porterville was flooded. Twenty-five families living in the lower part of town were rescued by citizens with rafts. A woman and a child are reported to have been drowned.

#### FACE DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE.

#### Many Sensational Escapes from Topeka, Kan., Hostelry.

Topeka's famous hostelry, the Copefand, noted as a stopping place for legislators and politicians, was destroyed by fire early Thursday. I. E. Lambert, of Emporia, one of the most prominent politicians in the state, is missing and is believed to have been burned to death. A dozen of 150 guests were injured, but none are thought to have ben fatally hurt. There were many sensational escapes, several persons jumping from windows.

The Copeland hotel was of brick construction, four stories in height. It was situated at the corner of Ninth and Kansas avenues, one block from the state capitol. It was one of the oldest hotels in the state of Kansas. It had a roomy lobby and wide hallways, plentifully supplied with fire escapes. The main stairway, however, was built around the elevator, and the flames shooting up the shaft soon shut off this means of escape.

# TOM JOHNSON IN A FLAT.

#### Mayor Gives Up Palatial Mansion for Humbler Quarters.

Carrying out the intimation made in his public declaration two months ago that he was "broke,' Mayor Tom L. Johnson has taken possession of a Euclid avenue flat, giving up his palatial Euclid avenue mansion at Cleveland,

That Mayor Johnson has decided to live in the Kniekerbocker, in a top suite, costing \$135 a month in rental, became known when Mrs. Johnson and the mayor's daughter were seen emerging from the suite. The family soon will move in, having taken possession of the nine-room suite, which has two baths and the privilege of one stall in the garage. The mayor will keep one of his machines in the gar-

The Knickerbocker is an exclusive apartment, with all its attaches garbed in livery. The mayor has a year's · lease, with renewal option.

Ready to Fight Johnson. Joe Woodman, manager for Sam Langford, the heavyweight fighter, has received a message from Manager Bettison, of the London Athletic club, offering to match Langford with Jack Johnson, the fight to take place in London some day in May. Mr. Woodman answered that his man was willing to meet Johnson, but demanded a guarantee from the club before he would consider terms.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Thursday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top beeves, \$6.25. Top hogs, \$6.05.

# Soft Coal Production.

Bituminous coal production in the United States in 1908 reached between 320,000,000 and 330,000,000 tons, according to the geological survey, against more than 400,000,000 tons in

Legal Holiday in California, A bill making the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, a legal holiday in this state passed both houses of the legislature Thursday.

IN INITIAL SESSION.

Although the reins of self governto the Cuban authorities until January Turkish (\$10,806,000) in indemnity dent Miguel Gomez and Vice President zegovnia, according to a Constantinobeginning of the end of the second period of American intervention in breaking out of the revolution in August, 1906.

The purpose of the meeting was was no outward indication that an important change in government affairs was beginning. The 24 senators met shortly after noon and submitted their credentials, and these will be canvassed by a committee before permanent organization of the body is effeeted.

The \$2 members of the house gathered in the new house of representatives building. The sessions in the senate and the house were both of brief duration and unattended by the formality of speechmaking.

For the first time in the history of the republic the house enjoyed the dignity of occupying its own period of independence in the old tobacco ware-The new quarters are quite

Several of the senators were holdever members from the congress dissolved in 1996 when the American government assumed direction of the affairs following the revolution. The members of the house are all new having been chosen in the recent election. The senators and representatives are a substantial looking body

The sessions opened with the tinking of a bell three times as a preiminary signal, and then once five ninutes ifter. There was no formality or prayer, as in the American congress, but an immediate commencement of business.

# ROBBERS BEAT AGED PEOPLE.

#### Forced to Tell the Hiding Place of Money.

Binding, gagging and assaulting Solomon Loughner, 80 years of age, and his two sisters, both of whom are between 70 and 80 years old, six masked robbers Tuesday night ransacked their house, secured \$1,500 in cash, ate their supper and then disappeared. The Loughners live on an isolated farm midway between Jeannette and Harcishurg, near Pittshurg, Pa. aged people are in a

condition from ill treatment and the shock. They were seated at the table eating supper when the men suddenly broke into the house. Owing to their advanced ages the Loughners were powerless to protect themselves. They screamed and were given hard blows in the face, bound and gagged. The victims refused to divulge the hiding place of their money and the robbers instituted a search. Unsuccessful in finding the money they drew revolvers and pointed the weapons at Loughner and his sisters, threatening death, One highwayman said: "I'll tell you, let's burn the house and cremate them." Loughner then led the men to a small safe and opened it. After taking the contents, \$1,500, the robbers disap-

# Mother Loses Her Life.

In a fire caused from an overheated lurnace, which completely burned the residence of Samuel Higgins, general manager of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, at mother lost her life and his motherin-law, Mrs. M. E. Corbin, was probably fatally hurt.

# Holds Monster Revival.

Gypsy Smith, the evangelist, marshaled an army estimated at s,000 persons, enthused with a spirit of Christianity against evil, in down town Pittsburg, Pa., Tuesday night The army, hetrogeneous in composition, marched for two hours through down town streets crowded with onlookers.

# Two Boats in Collision.

The pilot boat Philadelphia reported Wednesday that the Clyde line steamer Mohican, which passed to sea Tuesday evening, was in a collision with a schooner off Cape Henlopen, Del. The pilot boat assisted the Mobican in searching for the schooner, but could find nothing of her in the darkness.

# Militia in State Capitol.

A militia company is patrolling the state capitol building at Bismarck, N D., and will remain on duty pending the settlement of the controversy regarding the rights of Gen. T. H. Poole and Col. A. P. Peake. Gen. Poole was tion that he had undergone an operretired by Gov. Burke, but refuses to give up the office.

# Battle for Life in Sea.

The steam schooner Sybil Martson, lumber laden, was driven ashore off Surf, Cal., Tuesday night and Wednesday was battered to pieces in the breakers. The crew made an attempt to reach the shore in small boats at January and the full moon of Febdaybreak, two of them drowning.

# Bad Teeth and Insanity.

In trying to prove his theory that criminal instincts as well as many nervous disorders, and even insanity, are caused in numerous instances by defective teeth, Dr. Henry Upson, a Cleveland neurologist, has already said, by dental operations.

CRISIS NOW REMOTE.

# Cuba's New Legislature Convenes at Offer of Austro-Hungary Has Been

Agreed To. The Turkish government accepts the ment will not be officially turned over Austro-Hungarian offer of £2,500,000 28, when the inauguration of Presi- for the annexation of Bosnia and Her-Alfredo Zayas will take place, the ple dispatch, thus removing every pos neeting Wednesday of the new Cuban sibility of war. The grand vizier, Kiacongress in initial session marked the mil Pasha, received Marquis Paliavicini, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, at noon Tuesday and notified the island, which began with the him of the decision of the council of ministers.

The grand vizier tried to induce Austria to increase the compensation merely to pass upon credentials of another £500,600, but Ambassador members. At the senate building there Pallavicini declared that an increase was out of the question. If the offer was rejected, he declared, negotiations would be broken off.

> In addition to pecuniary compensation to Turkey, Austria abandons her rights to Novipazar and consents to an nerease in the customs up to 15 per cent; admits certain monopolies, and agrees to the suppression of Austrian postoffices in Turkish territory where no other foreign postoffices exist, should the porte desire it, and to the abrogation of certain old privileges over Albanian Catholics. The negotiations thus have been successfully concluded, and the points in the agreement will be embedied in a protocol It is believed that the settlement of the difficulty with Austria will facil-

itate an understanding with Bulgaria. There is little doubt that parliament will ratify the arrangement and that the Austrian boycott will be raised immediately.

#### MANY KILLED IN MINE.

#### Disastrous Explosion in West Virginia Shaft.

At 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a escue party had been unable to enter the Lick Branch mine, at Huntington, W. Va., where an explosion occurred in the morning, on account of the intense heat. It is thought the mine caught fire. It is now believed 100 men perished.

The number may be largely increased, as from 280 to 300 miners were at work at the time of the explosion, and it has not been ascertained how many survived.

On December 28 the last explosion occurred in the Lick Branch mine, which, up to that time, had been regarded as a model mine. On that occasion the cause was not ascertained. The death list reached 50. The last body, in connection with that explosion, was brought to the surface only last Friday, after which the state mine inspector declared the mine was again afe and that work could be resumed. A majority of the miners engaged to resume work at the mine were Amerlcans, with a few foreigners and some colored workers as laborers. It was stated the mine was examined early Tuesday and reported to be perfectly safe.

# WOMAN DEAD: MAN DYING.

Ohioan Believed to Have Murdered Wife and Then Shot Himself.

Mrs. Millie Donnelly was shot and killed in her home Monday night at Oxford, O. A note signed by Frank Donnelly, the woman's husband, found in the house, indicated Donnelly intended to kill himself.

Donnelly walked into the office of . D. Marshall, of Hamilton, O., Tuesday with his throat slashed, wrists bleeding and three pistol wounds in his head. He cannot live.

# Run Down by Train.

Four St. Louis hunters were run down by a Burlington passenger train New Haven, Conn., Wednesday, his near St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday, Henry Stumpf was mangled and thrown fifty feet. He died on the train which struck him while being brought into the city. John Knoll was also struck and rolled down an embankment.

# He Wipes Out Five Lives.

James York, a quarry worker, cut the throats of four of his children, aged 6 to 14, near Mankato, Minn. Tuesday, and then committed suicide by hanging himself with a small wire. York was despondent over the death of his wife and undoubtedly was in-

# Indians Near Starvation.

Fred C. Morgan, superintendent of the Flathead Indian reservation, commands that the government take immediate action to save the tribe from starvation until the Indians can be moved to some reservation or are allotted lands:

# Comun Doyle is III.

A bulletin issued Tuesday morning mying Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the celebrated author, had passed a restess night was the first public intimaation for a painful though not serious

#### Look for Earthquakes, Dr. Willis Eugene Everett, a scien-

tific writer of Scattle, Wash., asserts that the entire Pacific coast as far north as Alaska may expect seismic disturbances between the full moon of

# Convict Kills Himself.

Joseph Cross, alias Rogers, 38 years old, who has been in prison most of the time since he was 14 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself with a handkerchief in his cell at Joliet, Ill., Tuesday. Cross was sentenced by Judge Gary in Chicago for robbery produced beneficial effects on patients in 1897. He escaped and was found at the Newburg insane asylum, it is in 1905 in the Colorado state prison serving time for blowing a safe.

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# STATE NEWS

BUSY BURGLARS.

Break Into Five Business Places at Plattsmouth. Notwithstanding the fact that the mercury registered 5 degrees below zero during Monday night, burglars got busy at Plattsmouth and succeeded in gaining admittance into the grocery store of H. M. Scennichsen, the Journal office, the mest market of Kunsman & Ramge, the general merchandise store of E. A. Wurl and the hardware store of Asemissan & Sons. all on Main street and within a lew blocks. In each instance except one a glass was broken in a rear window,

the fastening removed and the window raised. Money was taken from the cash registers in each building, in sums ranging from \$2 to \$7, and only such other articles as could be easily carried were taken away. In the Journal office the draft was turned on to the base burner and the coal shaken down, and the location of the chairs indicated that the intruders enjoyed the situation for as long a time as they desired. Thus far no clue has been learned as to who the perpetrators of the crime were

#### FLOOD VISITS HAYDEN STORE.

Clerks in Basement Wade in Water Because Water Pipe Bursts, Six inches of water flooded the basement of the Hayden Brothers' store at Omaha at noon Monday, when the head of a four-inch water main was blown off. Until workmen from the water company arrived and shut off the supply of water to the building, men went about in the basement with the water over their shoetops, unless they had rubber foots to wear. The force of the stream that poured into the shipping room, where the break occurred, was so great that no one could go near the main to turn of the water, and two clerks, Elmer Wagen and George Benjamin, who were near by, were knocked against

the wall by the piece of pipe which was blown off. Not much of the stock of hardware crockery and groceries was seriously damaged and insurance was carried The water soon ran out by way of the sewer vents in the concrete floor.

#### COURT HOUSE IN HOTEL.

Thurston County Commissioners Win a Long Fight.

The Palace hotel in Pender will in a few days be the Thurston county to move the offices out of the old wooden court house, which is not a safe place for the county records. This move is due to the action of E. B. Roberts, who last spring secured an

injunction in the district court restraining the commissioners from moving in, asking the dismissal of his action in the Nebraska supreme court, which had reversed the decision of Judge Graves, of the distrect court. but had granted a rehearing.

#### The case has attracted much atten tion in Thurston and Dakota counties.

Two Cut Their Way Out of Jall. John Kaffer, an ex-convict, bound over for burglary, and Charles O. An derson, bound over for forgery, ea caped from the county fail at Hastings and are still at large. They made their way out by removing a section o metal ceiling, held on with tacks, and cutting through the pine floor of the room above. Kaffer bad just finished ten-year sentence for burglary in

Taxes from an Old Sult. Approximately \$2,000 in principal and interest will be paid into the treacury of Omaha by the Chicag. House Wrecking company as the result of the decision of the state supreme court whereby the decision of the lower court that the tax commissioner of a city may place on the tax rolls prop erty omitted by him at the time of the assessment was upheld.

Congressman Pollard Buys Paper. Congressman E. M. Poliged purchased the Plattsmouth News plant, previously owned by George L. Farley, for \$1.200. The semi-week's will be published as usual, with R. C. Watters, of Grand Island, said to be un all-around newspaper man, &s business manager. A. L. Tidd will write the editorials.

Death of Valentine Mays. L. Smith, a resident of Valentine who had been in a hospital at Omahi for the past month, having underwen an operation for stomach trouble, I dead. His body will be taken to Beemer for burial. He was an old settler and had been a farmer for the past year or so.

Returns Confisented Spoon. An unidentified young man, who as formerly on the Nebraska univerity athletic team and was lately converted, has returned to the Victoria hotel, of Chicago, a sliver speen he took while stopping there in his college days. It came from Beatrice,

Decide on a Recanvass. The democrats of the house and senate in joint session Tuesday, by a vote of 74 to 53, decided to recanvas vote cast on the constitutional amendment increasing the judiciary, the minority, comprising 44 republicans, voting against the motion

#### Brick Plant Shuts Down. At Humboldt the brick plant has closed down for the winter, throwing a number of laborers out of employment. It is understood that some changes are contemplated by the board of directors before the opening

up of the plant in the spring. Fire and Police Commissioners. Gov. Shallenberger appointed Chas Carbach and Carl Brandies, democrats, as fire and police commissioners for Omaha, vice John L. Kennedy and Robert Cowell, republicans. targets, 19 yards 100

# VAN HALLER GETS PARDON.

Second Degree Murderer Out, but on Probation for Three Years. conditional pardon from Gov. Shelden was granted last week for George Von Haller, who on April 26, 1905, was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Maurice D. Rees, whom he shot and killed at Oak Chattan station on August 10, 1904.

Von Haller was sentenced to twelve

years in the peritentiary and the par-

don was brought about through the plea of his wife, Ida Von Haller. will report in Omaha to J. B. Redfield and to Sheriff Bralley once a month and will not be permitted to leave either the county or state without special written permission from the governor. He must support and properly care for his family to the best of his in-In living up to this uncondiional pardon until January 6, 1912, he shall be given his final discharge and returned the right of citizenship. Rees, who was a telegraph operator n the employ of the Missouri Pacific callroad and who made his home in the old Oak Chattan station, was disturbed one night by the barking of his dog. He arose from bed and went to the front door with a revolver in his hand and raw Von Haller passing. Von Haller immediately opened fire Rees, shooting him through the head,

#### BURGLAR AND DESERTER.

then beating his over the face with

the weapon. It is alleged that Von

Haller made an attempt to kill Rees'

day and brought to trial.

wife. He was agrested the following

Charges Are Made Against Young Man

of Pierce. A. J. Hammerly was arrested on the charge of burglarizing Abraham Bros. store at Pierce. It is charged that young Hammerly with others broke into this store, which has been closed pending a dispute between the pro prietors and the fusurance company over a fire some weeks ago, and car ried off something in the neighborgood of \$150 worth of goods.

The other day Constable Geo. W Goff received word from Capt, W. C. Coler, of the United States Franklin, stationed at Norfolk, Va., n which he ordered the constable to arrest one Amos John Hammerly, an apprentice seamon who deserted from the Frank'in on September 24, 1907 Young Hammerly acknowledged to Constable Goff that he was the man that Uncle Sam was after.

Thawing Dynamite Causes Explosion Albert Carter, a young man about 23 years old, son of W. W. Carter, while thawing out dynamite in the yard, met with a serious accident at Weeping Water. About twelve sticks exploded and Carter had the flesh of one leg torn from the bone. His father stood near, but escaped, as also his mother, who was not the away. Nearly court house. The county commission. every window in the house was shatered and the explosion was felt over town. There was a lot of dynamite and some of it was broken in small bits, but it was frozen and did not ex-

#### Change in County Officers. A change has been made in the offlers of county attorney and county commissioner at Pierce, in which Chas. H. Stewarf, of Osmond, republican, necceds J. A. Van Wagenen, of the ame political faith. Mr. Van Wagenen has he'd that office for four years, heing elected in 1994. N. M. Nelson, epublican, succeeds Herman Stein-

Dasy Life Ends Suddenly. Alexander Clifford, 62 years old, a brand Army veteran, Mason and keepr of the government store, died sudlenly at his home in Omaha early Thursday morning of heart fallure, He had gone into a room in the house for something and did not return. Mrs. lifford, entering the room, found him n a dying condition on a chair and he expired before a physician arrived.

No Work: Commits Suicide. J. A. Cheatham, aged 57, committed suicide at the Morton house in Nebraska City by shooting himself over the ight eye with a revolver. The weapon ens found clasped in his hand. eft a letter to the landlord saving he was despendent and out of work. For everal years he was night watch at he institute for the blind.

Pecu'sition for Harry Hamlin The first official act of Gov. Shallenerger was to issue a regulation on he governor of Kansas for the return of Harry Hamlin, under arrest at Wichita, to Omaha on an embezzlement charge. The document was malled direct from the governor's of-

Good for the Iceman. At Nebrasia City the Missouri river inched Wednesday morning and is of sufficient thickness to terms to cross. The icemen tave beren cutting and housing ice. They have found too twelve inches in thickness. At the packing house ice has been housed for the last five days

transfer Husy at Schuyler. Robbert relead entrance to the Heg Tiplie ration at Schuyler a window in the rear end of the building and wonured between \$5 end 16 and four quarts of whisky, market and record about \$1 in pentes and some ment.

The Nellgh public school is in ses

Gates academy also has resumed and with an increased enrollment, Both are in fine condition, doing exceltent work. She Dies at the Age of 93. Mrs. Sarnh R. Riggs died at her home at the Rosebud Indian agency. aged 93 years. She was the wife of Rev. Stephen R. Riggs, said to have

Chicago. Her whole active life was devoted to missionary work W. D. Townsend, champion shot of Nebraska, won a match race from Kip Elbert, of Iowa, by the score of 90 to 88. The match was at 100;

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Nebraska Legislature

NEW GOVERNOR SWORN IN.

Shallenberger Now Chief Executive of

Nebraska. Ashton C. Shallenberger, the first dimocratic governor of Nebraska since the days of J. E. Boyd, in 1891, took the oath of office Thursday afternoon in the presence of the members of both A thousand spectators witnessed the inauguration.

In his message Shallenbergar urges the passage of a bank deposit guaranty act, advises strict economy and asks for several amendments to the primary election law. George C. Junkin, a former Jowan, was reinstalled as secretary of state.

The other officers are as follows: State treasurer, L. G. Brian; state superintendent, E. G. Bishop; land commissloner, C. B. Cowles; auditor, F. L. Barton; attorney general, W. T. Thompson. W. H. Cowgill, a demo-crat, was installed as railway commissloner. Lieut. Hopewell was sworn in to preside over the senate. Thursday night at the state capitol

building occurred the reception to Gov. Shallenberger and the new state offloors in the house chamber and the inaugurai ball in the senate. The functions were largely attended by society people of the city and state. Gov. Shallenberger was attended by his newly oppointed staff, gorgeous their new uniforms, forming a harmonious contrast to the handsome gowns

Most of the members of the legislature attended.

P. H. Monroe, of Washington, D. registered Thursday in the office of the secretary of state as a lobbyist in conformity with the anti-lobby law passed by the last legislature. Mr Monroe is the first man to register under the provisions of the law. He represents no privilege seeking corpora tion, but as secretary of the People's Blue League of America he will endeavor to persuade the members of the legislature to pass a bill submitting to the next general election an amendment to the constitution providing for the initiative and referendum.

#### MESSAGE OF SHALLENBERGER. Bank Deposit Guarantee is Feature of

the Document. Gov. Ashton C. Shallenberger in his message to the Nebraska legislature leclares that he believes that no new or radical legislation is needed at the present time, but that energy should be directed toward amending, improving or correcting the existing laws. recommends the appointment of qualified commission to revise and improve the present code of laws, so that justice may be more easily and rap-He admits that the banking laws of

Nebraska might be improved, and asserts that it is a reflection upon our American civilization and busines methods to longer fail to provide an insurance guaranty fund and banking aw which will make every dollar de posited in a Nebraska bank absolutely sure of being returned to its lawful owner when it shall be demanded. "There can be no rule of busines ethics," declares the new governor "which makes it just to secure the

state and nation and deny the same protection to the individual depositor The only question for you to decide it seems to me, is as to whether or not the proposed additional guaranty fund can be credited with the certainty that it will provide absolute security to the depositor and not place an unfair burden and responsibility upon the banker. "I believe that the desired security can be obtained by levying a light tax upon the capital stock of each bank

transacting business under our laws, thus providing a guaranty fund to pay promptly any possible loss to a depositor by reason of the failure of a state bank. The amount of such tax to be a certain per cent of the average deposits as shown by the reports of the department of banking, and payment to be made at stated periods and for a fixed amount. "If one-half of the volume money supposed to be in circulation in

the United States were returned the banks it would enormously expand the business and wealth of the state and nation and raise the banking power of the United States until it would exceed that of the rest of the civilized world. To bring this great idle fund into active channels of trade is the problem for bankers and legislators If loss of bank deposits i made a thing of the past I believe that a great step in this direction will have been accomplished."

Let Bankers Share in Control.

Gov. Shallenberger quotes figures to show that the percentage of loss to depositors during late years has been greatly reduced, and during the eight years since 1900 has amounted to an average of about \$26,000. He insists that this percentage of loss can still be materially reduced. To this end he advises that the minimum capital required for the incorporation of a state bank be increased to at least \$15,000; also that bank examinations be made twice a year, instead of once, as now required. Examiners, he claims should be assigned to a certain territory and thus eventually would be come familiar with conditions and se curities in that locality, and would ac quire the necessary knowledge as to the worth of the bills receivable of the banks which they would examine, den again with a total enrollment of which is the essential thing in determining the solvency of any banking corporation.

"Under a guaranty plan which would make the banks of the state sustain the losses of the entire system," the message reads, "the bankers should be given a share in the control of the department. The present banking board, which is composed of three officers elected for an entirely preached the first religious sermon at different purpose, should be abolished and a non-partisan board established to be composed of three members to its members to have had at least five its members to have had a tleast five years' practical experience in banking and at least two of them to be actively engaged in that business at the time of their appointment. A bank commissioner should be appointed by the

banking board, who should have had an experience in the banking business equivalent to that required by a member of the board, and he should select the necessary number of examiners with the approval of the hoard of con-The banking board should sit in session at Lincoln at stated periods and be paid for actual time in session. They should have complete con'rol of Issuance of charters and the general administrdation of the canking laws. It has been urged by critics of the guaranty of deposits plan that It would lead to the establishment of too many banks. This would be a serious objection if such were the result. It would greatly strengthen our banking system if the banking board were empowered to exercise a proper censor-ship over the issuance of bank charters. A substantial increase in the amount required as a minimum capital for the establishment of state banks would have a salutary effect in

#### greater security to the depositor.' How to Provide a Fund.

keeping the number of banks within a

a satisfactory limit and also provide

In regard to the amount of assess ment to be levied in order to provide an adequate fund for the prompt payment of depositors of inselvent banks, Gov. Shallenberger suggests that onefourth of 1 per cent be levied upon the deposits as shown at the last statement published prior to the commencement of the operation of the law; this assessment to be followed by additional levies in like amount at periods of six, twelve and eight months thereafter. After the accumulation of a guaranty fund equal to 1 per cent of the average deposits in the guaranteed banks, an annual tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent should be levied, "because it is necessary under a proper ystem of insurance that the prosperous years should pile up a surplus fund to provide for the inevitable demands of less fortunate times."

It is suggested that as an additional security against any possible emer-gency such as extraordinary demands upon the fund, the board should be empowered to levy an assessment of not to exceed 2 per cent of the aver-age deposits in any one year. While this assessment might never be lovied, the power to use it would have a sustaining effect in times of possible panics. Such a system, the governor de-clares, "would be a rock of refuge for the banks and for the people in the flercest financial storm that may

The proposed guaranty fund, he says, should be deposited with the state banks under regulations similar to our present state depository law or with such additional security as the legislature may require. The protional banks may avail themselves of the advantage and protection of the guaranty fund under suitable provisions and satisfactory showing as to the condition of such banks to the banking board. It is suggested that the banking board be empowered to ositors by banking corporations operating under the guaranty of deposits law, or, if this be thought too great a power to confer upon them, the rate should be fixed in the statute by the legislature.

The new governor advises that the present revenue law be amended in o far as is necessary to restore to the people the right to elect the precinct issessors, and to limit, in part, the arbitrary powers which the present law gives to the state board of equalization and assessment, so that the people shall have restored to them some voice in determining the amount of taxes they shall be compelled to pay to sup-

port the state government. It is declared that the railroad commission should be authorized and empowered to appraise the physical value of the public service corporations of the state and to control their debt making power; and that the legislature should provide the means with which to pay the cost of such appraisement. Gov. Shallenberger says that it is his belief that adequate funds for this purpose can be provided by requiring all corpoartions doing bustness within the state to pay a small annual license fee into the state treasury, just as a bank or insurance company is now required to do.

der charters satisfactory both to the cities and to the legislature is advocated for Omaha and South Omaha. The present primary law is declared both unsatisfactory and unfair. A county primary is suggested, to nominate county officers and delegates to a state convention. The state convention to select two or more names to go

upon the primary ballot and to make

the county platform, which ought to

be issued in advance of the primary, instead of after it. For Board of Control. A non-partisan board of control, to be appointed by the governor, is suggested, this board to have the entire management of the various state institutions; to be composed of three members, and to have at its command a qualified purchasing or business agent. The governor urges the abolishment of the practice of maintaining a cash fund at the various state institutions. and advises that this proposed board of control purchase all supplies for all the institutions by open competition among those desiring to sell to the state. It is advised that the clerk of the supreme court and other officers who now receive and retain the fees paid them by the public be placed up-on a fixed and reasonable salary, and all fees and moneys recovered by them he turned into the state or county

treasury. A suggestion is made that the legislature make a proper appropriation to assist in the worthy and patriotic purpose of erecting a suitable monument in Lincoln to the memory of the martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, for whom the city was named, this being the centenary of his birth. Caution and good judgment are urged in the matter of all appropriations.

Foreign Prejudice. First Foreigner-Why do they call this the "garden city?"
Second Foreigner-Why? Look at the

rich, black dirt in the streets!-Chie Tribune. The stopping or an express train

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